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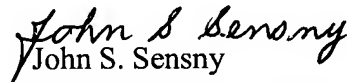
This application is a continuation of copending application no. 08/746,360.

This Amendment is being submitted to cancel the original claims of the application and to add a new set of claims to define the invention in an alternative way. Also, this opportunity is being taken to amend the specification to include an express reference to the application no. 08/746,360.

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner that a public use proceeding was conducted in connection with application no. 08/746,360. That proceeding has been completed, and a Decision has been issued in which the Examiner found in favor of the applicant that no public use of the claimed invention occurred.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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